# **Records Management**

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to specify requirements for retaining and maintaining EMS records for the US EPA Region 9 office.

### II. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all records generated through the Region 9 office EMS. Records are essential to record the performance of the EMS. This includes all data necessary to determine if Region 9 meets its Objectives and Targets as well as backup information.

#### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Definitions**

**Record:** Information or data on a particular subject collected and preserved. Examples of records include: drawings, specifications, contract language, meeting minutes, checklists, organizational charts, photos, training records, audits, etc.

**Master Computer System:** Refers to the location of electronic EMS records (split between two specific EMS sites, one on the internet and one on Lotus Notes).

## IV. APPROACH

- 1. Records are legible, identifiable, protected and easily retrieved for review.
- 2. Records associated with the EMS may be disposd when they are three years old unless they are subject to other retention requirements.

## V RECORDS

1. Records management procedure

## IV. REVISION HISTORY

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